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SUBJECT: 1975 MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM

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1. GOM HAS INDICATED THEY WILL REQUEST A PROVISION IN THEIR VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENT THAT WILL EXCLUDE FROM GOM QUOTA THE BEEF EQUIVALENT OF U.S. CATTLE IMPORTED FOR SLAUGHTER IN MEXICO. THIS BEEF IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERED BY U.S. CUSTOMS AS A DUTIABLE IMPORT ITEM. U.S. CUSTOMS FIGURES HAVE IN THE PAST SERVED AS THE U.S. CONTROL FIGURES FOR MONITORING MEAT IMPORT QUOTAS.

2. EXTENSIVE BORDER TRAFFIC IN U.S. CATTLE MOVING TO MEXICO FOR SLAUGHTER REPRESENTS A NEW AND LIKELY TEMPORARY DEVELOPMENT IN U.S. SLAUGHTER CATTLE TRADE. THE NUMBER OF U.S. CATTLE MOVING IN THIS TRADE DEPENDS UPON THE PRICE RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS IN MEXICO VS U.S. NUMBERS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY IN 1974 INDICATING THE TRULY DEPRESSED STATE OF THE U.S. CATTLE INDUSTRY. TOTAL U.S. SLAUGHTER CATTLE EXPORTS TO MEXICO IN 1974 ARE ESTIMATED AT 27,000 HEAD, COMPARED WITH 4,000 HEAD IN 1973. THE 1974 IMPORTS OF U.S. SLAUGHTER CATTLE BY MEXICO WOULD YIELD AN ESTIMATED 10,000,000 LBS OF BEEF, A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT CONSIDERING THE U.S. 1975 QUOTA FOR GOM IS 62.8 MILLION LBS.

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3. LIKELY U.S. POSITION ON THIS GOM REQUEST WILL BE

APPRECIATED. IN EMBASSY VIEW GOM REQUEST IS NOT UNREASONABLE
ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED.
THE BEEF IN QUESTION WAS A PART OF TOTAL U.S. SUPPLY
IRRESPECTIVE OF WHERE SLAUGHTERED. A METHOD OF "MEXICO
QUOTA ACCOUNTING" FOR THIS BEEF WOULD HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED
BASED ON YIELD OF LIVE CATTLE OR SOME OTHER FEASIBLE MEANS.
ACCESSION TO GOM REQUEST WOULD MAKE ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTARY
RESTRAINT AGREEMENT MORE PALATABLE. JOVA

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